

REMARKS

Appreciation is hereby expressed to Examiner Pryor for the telephone interview so courteously and professionally conducted on November 19, 2003. In accordance with the discussions therein, Claims 1 and 10-23 have been canceled, and claims 24-26 amended to more definitely set forth the invention and obviate the rejections. In particular, it was understood from the interview that, in view of the presence of the claimed double bond of the ketol fatty acid in claims 24-26, the prior art rejection asserted against parent claim 21 was inapplicable against said amended claims 24-26. As such, claims 24-26 have been amended to include all of the subject matter of claim 21. The present amendment is deemed not to introduce new matter. Claims 24-32 remain in the application, all of which have been deemed allowable in the instant Office Action.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the application is now in condition for allowance, and early action and allowance thereof is accordingly respectfully requested. In the event there is any reason why the application cannot be allowed at the present time, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact the undersigned at the number listed below to resolve any problems.

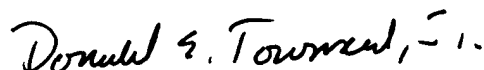
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